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In re Application of

BOYMOND et al.

Serial No. 09/647,069

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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING GRIGNARD COMPOUNDS



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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-RESPONSIVE SPECIES ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Notification of non-responsive election of species the applicant would like to elect the following species:

Compound no.1 of Table 1 (page 15, lines 5-10) as a compound of general formula (II) which reacts with diisopropylmagnesium (page 14, example A) as a compound of general formula (III) to produce the Grignard compound. The Grignard compound reacts with the electrophile PhCHO of Table I, no. 1 to give the product of Table 1, no. 1. With regard to the species of R5, the applicant elects the Wang resin, Hydroxybenzyl-resin, described in the specification on page 13, lines 24 and 34.

Applicants would like to thank the examiner for the helpful comments provided

during a telephonic interview in connection with this reply. Applicants respectfully assert that this response provides adequate election of species to satisfy the requirements of the notification of non-responsive reply.

Please find attached a check for \$110.00 for a one month extension of time fee.

To the extent necessary, applicant(s) petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Extension of Time fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0345. Please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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